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In re application of:

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SANCHEZ, MEI CHEN, and DANIEL J.  
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Application No.: **09/477,962**

Filed: **01/05/2000**

For: **BLEOMYCIN GENE CLUSTER  
COMPONENTS AND THEIR USES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2001, containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months.;

#### REMARKS

In the August 10, 2001 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following "SuperGroups" under 35 U.S.C. §121:

SuperGroup A:	Claims 1-21, 23, 40-45, 65-66, 68-69, and 71-73, drawn to a nucleic acid sequence encoding a BLM open reading frame (ORF);
SuperGroup B:	Claims 22, 24-39, and 67, drawn to multi-functional protein complexes and polypeptides;
SuperGroup C:	Claims 46-63, drawn to methods of chemically modifying a biological molecule;
SuperGroup D:	Claim 64, drawn to a method of producing a bleomycin compound; and
SuperGroup E:	Claim 70, drawn to methods of converting and apo-carrier protein to a holo-carrier protein;

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